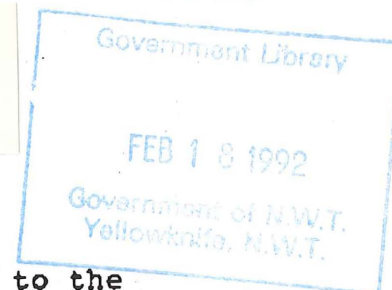


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SOBRIETY OF ALCOHOL & DRUG COUNSELLORS

**WHEREAS** alcohol and illegal drugs are major threats to the health and wellbeing of Denendeh and the people of the Deh Cho Region;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of the Northwest Territories provides contribution funding to local operations in 5 Deh Cho communities and 35 other communities across the Northwest Territories;

**AND WHEREAS** the Dene of the Northwest Territories have traditionally valued personal honesty, effective role modelling and healthy living as the cornerstones to counselling troubled or ill members of our communities;

**AND WHEREAS** the effectiveness of addictions counselling is reduced when the conduct of alcohol and drug workers becomes inconsistent with the philosophy of a healthy alcohol and drug-free lifestyle;

**AND WHEREAS** the credibility of alcohol and drug workers in community settings is significantly diminished by their personal use of intoxicants;

**AND WHEREAS** the operation of an efficient community treatment or prevention project is hindered when employees embrace a lifestyle which places them at risk of addiction;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Deh Cho Regional Council express its unlimited support for the decision by the Territorial Minister of Social Services obligating each recipient of 1991-92 contribution funding for the operation of alcohol and drug counselling projects;

- a. To ensure the effective operation of the program by hiring only employees who practise sobriety;
- b. To ensure that all employees of the project understand that sobriety means total abstinence from alcohol and drugs, and,
- c. To ensure that current employees of the project who do not practise sobriety be identified, and be provided with counselling and treatment to attain sobriety;

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**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Deh Cho Regional Council strongly recommend to the Government of the Northwest Territories that a policy framework should be developed to ensure that such obligations are placed on recipients of alcohol and drug contribution funding in 1992-93 and in subsequent years;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution only addresses the issue;

Moved by Gabe Hardisty

Seconded by Dennis Deneron

**CARRIED:**